

SENATE BILL 904

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 120, Part 1, relative to building
regulations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-101(b)(2), is amended by deleting the word "Such" and by substituting instead the language "Except as provided in subsection (g), such."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-101, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (g):

(g)

(1) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, if a local jurisdiction located in a county having a population in excess of three hundred thousand (300,000), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census applies for and has received approval from the state fire marshal to enforce its own code pursuant to subdivision (b)(2), then all required construction inspection services and standards established pursuant to subsection (a) for any business occupancy, or assembly occupancy or place of assembly, regardless of size, in a building of less than three (3) stories shall only be the responsibility of such local jurisdiction in which the building is located.

(2) Subdivision (g)(1) applies to those buildings identified in subdivision (g)(1) without regard to use, change of occupancy, or occupancy group.

(3) The terms "business occupancy", "assembly occupancy", or "place of assembly" are as defined in the most recent International Fire Code, published by the

International Code Council, Inc., or the Uniform Fire Code, published by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc. if adopted on or after July 1, 2006, and rules promulgated by the Tennessee department of commerce and insurance, division of fire prevention.

(4) All building plans related to such buildings shall be submitted to the respective local government for approval by such local government prior to any construction on such building.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.